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Massage arm**Claims**

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1. Massage arm (1), comprising a message element (2), for a message unit that can be incorporated into a message chair or similar, where said message arm (1) is hinged on at least one shaft that can be moved by a drive in the message unit and has an articulated connection to the message element (2), characterized in that the articulated connection comprises a ball-and-socket joint (3).

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20 2. Massage arm (1) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the ball-and-socket joint (3) displays a ball head (9), located on the end opposite the articulated connection (5) to the shaft, which is mounted in a ball socket (10) located on the message element (2).

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3. Massage arm according to Claim 2, characterized in that the ball head (9) displays two opposite pins (12), which engage opposite openings (13) in the ball socket (10).

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4. Massage arm according to Claim 3, characterized in that the openings (13) are of elongated design towards the edge of the ball socket (10), such that the pivoting angle of the ball-and-socket joint (3) in the plane formed by the two longitudinal axes of the openings (13), is restricted to a predetermined range.

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5. Massage arm according to Claims 2 to 4, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d i n t h a t the ball head (9) displays an
extension (11) projecting beyond the ball socket (10) for
5 connection to the massage arm (1), and the ball socket
(10) is provided with a U-shaped groove (14) that is open
towards the edge of the ball socket (10) and into which
the extension (11) can be pivoted.
- 10 6. Massage arm according to Claims 2 to 5, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d i n t h a t the massage element (2)
displays a supporting part (6), with massage bodies (7)
for acting on the human body located on one side of the
supporting part (6), where the supporting part (6)
15 consists of two halves, in the parting line area of each
of which one half of the ball socket (10) is integrally
molded on the supporting part (6) in one piece on the side
of the supporting part (6) opposite the massage bodies
(7).
- 20 7. Massage arm according to Claim 6, c h a r a c t e r -
i z e d i n t h a t the supporting part halves and the
ball socket halves are in each case designed as plastic
parts, injection-molded in one piece.